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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN LAWS CONCERNING BRIBERY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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1. LIBERIA HAS A BRIBERY STATUTE WHICH DEFINES THE GIVING, OFFERING, SOLICITATION, OR ACCEPTANCE OF A BRIBE TO/BY ANY PUBLIC OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR JUROR AS A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY UP TO THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT. COPIES OF STATUTE BEING POUCHED.

2. EMBASSY RESEARCH INTO LIBERIA CODE TURNS UP NO MORE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING INVOLVEMENT OF AGENTS IN SALES TO GOVERNMENT. USAID AND GOL OFFICIALS WHO DEAL IN FINANCE, COMMERCE, AND GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC PROVISIONS DEALING WITH AGENT'S INVOLVEMENT.

3. BRIBERY STATUTE LARGELY IGNORED IN PRACTICE. SMALL GRATUITIES TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOR SERVICES ARE A STANDARD PRACTICE. NEVERTHELESS INFORMAL BUT EFFECTIVE SANCTIONS DO EXIST. IF CASE INVOLVING ACTION PREJUDICIAL TO PUBLIC INTEREST CAME TO LIGHT, PRESIDENT MIGHT VERY POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION TO DISCIPLINE OR DISCHARGE PUBLIC OFFICIAL INVOLVED, AS WELL AS TO PROSECUTE OR DEPORT OFFENDING

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